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TOPIC Departure of Soviet Troops from Potsdam and Loadings at the Potsdam Railroad

Stations

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1. During the night of 5 June 1952, the AA emplacements at Steinstuecken, on Franz Mehring Strasse and at Bergstuecken near the restricted Babelsberg area in Potsdam (N 53/2 63) were vacated, including the radar set at the AA emplacement in Bergstuecken. Three trucks which picked up planks from the AA emplacement at Steinstuecken on 6 June (1)

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2. On 6 June, the restricted Babelsberg area was vacant except for a rear detail. After 6 June, the gate on Stahnsdorfer Strasse was guarded by 1 sentry with a rifle and 4 German Volkspolizei. After 11 June, guard duty was performed by 5 Volkspolizei.

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3. Between 12 and 1 p.m. on 30 May, the following troops and materiel were unloaded at the Potsdam railroad station: 6 officers and about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, all kinds of billeting equipment, 4 horses, and 3 horse-drawn vehicles from 50 boxcars and 6 flatcars. The unit was hauled to the Bornstedt Kriegsschule on the intersection of Pappel Allee and Kirsch Allee by trucks

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More troops and materiel were unloaded between 9 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. on 31 May. This unit included 8 officers and about 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank or motor transport insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets, billeting equipment and light rails for field railways and was unloaded from about 50 boxcars and 5 flatcars. The unit was driven to the Kriegsschule by the abovementioned trucks. Another train of 50 boxcars and 5 flatcars with a similar cargo was unloaded at 7 a.m. on 1 June and went to the Kriegsschule. (3) At 2 p.m. on 12 June, a unit from the Ludendorff Kaserne on Hedlitzer Strasse was loaded at the Potsdam railroad station. It included about 200 troops, 10 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 field kitchens, 16 trucks

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4. At 12 p.m. on 31 May, 60 boxcars at the Wildpark railroad station were loaded with billeting equipment which had been hauled to the station from the Kriegsschule Bernstedt by trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] hauled cargo from the direction of the city to a train of 50 boxcars which stood ready to be loaded. Another train of about 50 boxcars was loaded with billeting equipment from the Kriegsschule between 7:45 and 9 a.m. on 1 June. The equipment had been brought to the station by those trucks which had been seen on 31 May and, [redacted] (3) At 10 a.m. on 12 June, a unit from the Ludendorff Kaserne on Medlitzer Strasse was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station. It included 250 troops, 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 10 AA machine guns, 2 field kitchens, 2 trailers and 32 trucks, [redacted]

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The ~~evacuation~~ of the AA emplacements, which were known to be occupied by elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div, is explained by the transfer of the division from Potsdam to Muensdorf.
- (2) The ~~evacuation~~ of the restricted Babelsberg area which began at the end of May 1952 and during which headquarters and offices of the GDRG moved to Muensdorf-Zossen, can be considered completed on 6 June 1952. The German Volkspolizei probably performs only guard duty. [redacted]
- (3) The information confirms the transfer of offices of the Chief of Rear Services from the Kriegsschule to Muensdorf-Zossen and the occupation of the Kriegsschule by the officer candidate course of the GDRG from Muensdorf. [redacted]
- (4) The shipments reported in paragraphs 3 and 4 on 12 June belonged to the 2d Gds AAA Div.

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